

Appln. No. 10/037,844
Amendment Dated November 26, 2003
Reply to Notice of Non-Compliance and Amendment mailed October 10, 2003

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-4 and 18-21 are rejected. Claims 5-17 and 22-44 are objected to. Claims 1-4 and 18-21 are canceled. Claims 5, 6, 9, 12, 14, 22, 23, 26, 29, and 31 are currently amended. Claims 5-17 and 22-44 are currently pending.

Reconsideration of claims of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

Claims 1-4 and 18-21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Morgan (US Patent 6,530,073).

Claims 1-4 and 18-21 have been canceled, rendering the claim rejections moot. Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. 102(e) rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 5-17 and 22-44 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Claims 5, 6, 9, 12, 14, 22, 23, 26, 29, and 31 have been rewritten in independent form.

Claims 5-17 and 22-44 are no longer dependent upon rejected base claims.

Applicants traverse the statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter. Claims 5-17 and 22-44 each contain distinct claim language which each independently provide distinct claim language that claims subject matter distinct to each claim.

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CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is in form for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, please contact the undersigned attorney.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including petition fees and extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 23-2415 (Docket No. 19329-714).

Respectfully submitted,

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